



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6007**

LCO No. 4623



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING "BLUE ALERTS".***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) The Department of  
2       Emergency Services and Public Protection shall establish an emergency  
3       alert system to assist law enforcement agencies in the apprehension of  
4       persons suspected of killing or seriously injuring peace officers or in  
5       the location of missing peace officers. The department shall develop  
6       and implement policies and procedures for the operation and  
7       administration of the system including, but not limited to, procedures  
8       for a law enforcement agency to request activation of the system and  
9       guidelines to ensure that the dissemination of information will not  
10      compromise the investigation of the offense or disappearance or  
11      violate the privacy of the peace officer who is the subject of the alert or  
12      of the officer's next-of-kin.

13      (b) The department may activate the system and issue an alert only  
14      if it determines, after consultation with the law enforcement agency  
15      requesting such activation, that:

16      (1) A peace officer: (A) Has been assaulted by another person

17 resulting in such officer's death or serious physical injury or has been  
 18 assaulted by another person with a deadly weapon, and the person  
 19 suspected of such assault (i) has not been apprehended, and (ii) poses  
 20 an imminent threat to the public or other peace officers, or (B) is  
 21 missing while in the performance of such officer's duties under  
 22 circumstances warranting concern for such officer's safety;

23 (2) Sufficient descriptive information is available to disseminate to  
 24 the public concerning (A) the suspect or the suspect's vehicle or other  
 25 means of escape, or (B) the circumstances of the peace officer's  
 26 disappearance; and

27 (3) Dissemination of such information to the public could assist in  
 28 apprehending the suspect, locating the missing peace officer or  
 29 averting injury to any other person.

30 (c) As used in this section, "peace officer", "serious physical injury"  
 31 and "deadly weapon" have the same meanings as provided in section  
 32 53a-3 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section

**PS**      *Joint Favorable*